

**Table 2.05-- CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENT BIRTHS: 1997 TO 1999**

[Excludes births to Hawaii residents occurring out of state]

Subject	1997	1998	1999
Number of resident births	17,326	17,567	17,032
City and County of Honolulu	12,860	13,127	12,546
Percent on Oahu	74.2	74.7	73.7
Hawaii County	1,891	1,912	1,926
Kauai County	742	773	751
Maui County (incl. Kalawao)	1,833	1,755	1,809
Percent attended by M.D. or D.O. in hospital	94.6	1/ 94.9	95.3
Males per 100 females	106.0	104.8	107.5
Median weight of single births (grams)	3,295	3,310	3,315
Percent low birth weight (under 2,500 grams)	7.1	7.9	7.6
Percent single births under 40 weeks gestation	56.9	59.4	61.2
Percent plural	1.6	2.3	2.2
Percent with 1 or more congenital malformations	4.0	6.3	9.3
Percent to unmarried mothers	30.0	32.0	32.9
Percent with prenatal visit in first three months	81.3	81.0	82.4
Percent first child born to mother 2/	29.9	31.8	30.8
Percent first child born alive to mother	42.1	1/ 42.4	42.6
Median age of mothers (years)	27	27	27
Median age of known fathers (years)	30	30	30

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes live births, fetal deaths, and abortions.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, Office of Health Status Monitoring, records.